

Supplementary Papers for Council

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Supplementary Update on the Calculation of Political Balance and the Allocation of Seats to Political Groups

<p>Recommendations</p>	<p>It is RECOMMENDED that:</p> <p>(a) the revised political balance of the Council, as set out in Table 1 to this report be noted;</p> <p>(b) the allocation of seats to each political group, as set out in Table 2 to this report, be approved;</p> <p>(c) the appointment of Councillors to Committees and Boards, taking into account the wishes of each political group, as detailed in Table 3 to this report, be approved;</p> <p>(d) Councillor Mark Howell and Councillor Duane Farr be appointed to fill the positions on the Licensing Committee referred to in paragraph 13 to this report;</p> <p>(e) the allocation of seats to each political group to the outside bodies, as detailed in Table 4 to this report, be approved;</p> <p>(f) the appointment of Councillors to the outside bodies, taking into account the wishes of each political group, as detailed in Table 5 to this report, be approved;</p> <p>(g) nominations be sought for the appointment of a councillor to fill the vacancy on the Dorset Pensions Fund Committee as referred to in paragraph 16 to this report.</p>
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1. Following the publication of the agenda for Council, the proper officer received notice of the formation of a new political group named Moordown Independents, comprising Councillors Joe Salmon and Kate Salmon. It has therefore been necessary to recalculate the political balance of the council and to issue this revised schedule.
2. The Council is therefore asked to consider the political balance of the Council following the changes identified in paragraph 1 as well as the previously notified changes arising from the resignation of Councillor G Martin from the BCP Independents Group to join the BCP Reform UK Group.

3. Set out in Table 1 below is the revised political balance of the Council reflecting these latest changes.

Table1	No of Seats	% of total seats	Seat entitlement for 111 seats
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Liberal Democrat	28	36.84	40.89
Conservative	9	11.84	13.14
Christchurch Independents	8	10.53	11.68
Labour	8	10.53	11.68
Green	5	6.58	7.30
BCP Independents	4	5.26	5.84
Poole People	4	5.26	5.84
BCP Reform UK	3	3.95	4.38
Independents	2	2.63	2.92
Moordown Independents	2	2.63	2.92
Poole Engage	2	2.63	2.92
Other	1	1.32	1.46
Total	76		111

4. After allocating the proportion of seats to the political groups, any remaining unallocated seats may be allocated by council to any named councillor, although, it has been customary, where appropriate, to allocate such committee seats to those councillors who are not a member of any political group. There is one seat shown as 'Other' in the table above.
5. The following principles are contained within Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and have been amended under the regulations to take account of the fact that not all the seats are necessarily held by members of political groups. They need to be applied in the following order and as far as practicably possible:
- (a) Not all the seats on a committee are allocated to the same political group.
 - (b) Where a group has a majority of seats on the Authority it should have the majority of seats on each committee.
 - (c) The third rule provides that, without being inconsistent with the first two rules, the number of seats allocated to each political group on all the ordinary committees taken together be as near as reasonably practicable proportionate to their proportion of seats as a proportion of the authority as a whole.
 - (d) Finally, so far as is consistent with the above each group should be allocated seats on each committee to reflect their proportion of seats on the authority.
6. The allocation of seats other than in accordance with the above principles, requires approval without dissent.

7. The Council is asked to consider the proposed allocation of seats to political groups as detailed in Table 2 below in accordance with the above principles. The last column in the table identifies there is no variance in the allocation of seats compared to calculations set out in Table 1.
8. Seats on committees, which are allocated to political groups, are to be filled by councillors of the respective political group in accordance with the wishes of the relevant group.

Table 2 – Allocation of seats on Committees/Boards

Political Group	Western BCP Planning Committee	Eastern BCP Planning Committee	Licensing Committee	Standards Committee	Appeals Committee	Audit & Governance Committee	Overview and Scrutiny Board	Health & Adult Social Care O&S Committee	Children's Services O&S Committee	Environment and Place O&S Committee	Investigation and Disciplinary Committee	Total	Variance (+/-)
Liberal Democrat	4	4	5	3	3	4	5	3	4	4	2	41	+ 0
Conservative	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	13	+ 0
Christchurch Independents	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	12	+ 0
Labour	1	1	1	1	-	1	2	1	2	2	-	12	+ 0
Green	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	10	+ 0
BCP Independents	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	6	+ 0
Poole People	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	6	+ 0
BCP Reform UK	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	4	+ 0
Independents	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	3	+ 0
Moordown Independents	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	3	+ 0
Poole Engage	-	-	1*	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	3	+ 0
Other (to be allocated)	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Total	11	11	14	7	7	9	13	10	11	11	7	111	

Appointment of Councillors to Committees

9. The following table (Table 3) therefore sets out the proposed membership of the Committees and Boards as advised by the respective political groups at the time of publication. Where a political group has not advised of their proposed members to serve on each committee or board at the time of publication, this will be shown as a vacancy.
10. The Political Groups may at any time alter their Group's membership of Committees and Boards, but any seats otherwise allocated including to the unaligned Members must be approved by full Council. Members are asked to consider the following and any revised nominations submitted by the political groups.
11. The Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 makes provision, where a political group is unable to appoint or fails to

appoint a member of that group to an allocated seat, for the council to ‘make such appointment as they think fit’. This does not require a recalculation of political balance, and the seat may be allocated to any councillor regardless of political grouping, however, the provisions relating to substitutions would not apply to these direct appointments similarly to those seats allocated to councillors who are not a member of a political group.

12. Members will note in the table below (marked with (a)) that since the allocation of seats in October 2025, the Poole Engage Group has indicated that they are not able to appoint a member of that group to the Licensing Committee.
13. Unless the Group concerned appoints a member of their group to the vacant seat prior to the council meeting, council is asked to appoint a named member to this seat. Members will be aware that Councillor Duane Farr was appointed to this seat at the Council meeting on 10 February 2026 and it proposed that this appointment be reaffirmed. Should Council wish to nominate alternative members to the seat and there is more than one valid nomination, it will be necessary to conduct a secret ballot in accordance with the Council’s procedure rules.
14. As set out in the schedule, it is proposed that the seat shown as ‘Other’ be allocated to Councillor Mark Howell to serve on the Licensing Committee. This appointment requires approval and is included within the remit of recommendation (d).

Table 3 – Appointments to Committees/Boards

	Western BCP Planning Committee	Eastern BCP Planning Committee	Licensing Committee	Standards Committee	Appeals Committee	Audit & Governance Committee	Overview & Scrutiny Board	Health & Adult Social Care O&S Committee	Children’s Services O&S Committee	Environment & Place O&S Committee	Investigation and Disciplinary Committee
Liberal Democrat	Chapmanlaw Clements Le Poidevin Sidaway	Clements Gillett Le Poidevin Tarling	Chapmanlaw Harman Matthews Richardson Sidaway	Andrew s Chick Nanovo	Brow n, O Le Poidevin Logan	Andrew s Slade, V Tarling Trent	Goodall Mackrow Trent Walters Weight	Matthew s Richardson Slade, P	Brow n, O Harman Mackrow Walters	Chick Clements Gillett Goodall	Earl * Cox **
Conservative	Challinor	Slade, T	Filer Williams	Wright	Dove	Beesley	Beesley Wright	Allen	Slade, T	d’Orton-Gibson	Dove
Christchurch Independents	McCormack	Flagg Hilliard	Flagg Hilliard	Ricketts	Phipps	Phipps	Dedman	Dedman	Martin, D	Ricketts	-
Labour	Cooper	Canavan	Farquhar	Farquhar	-	Connolly	Aitkenhead Canavan	Canavan	Cooper Carr-Brown	Martin, J Moriarty	-
Green	-	Vacancy	Keddie	Pattinson-West	-	-	-	Armstrong	Bull	Rigby	Pattinson-West
BCP Independents	Rampton	-	Bartlett	-	Rampton	Bartlett	-	Dower	-	Edwards	-
Poole People	Hitchcock	Rice	-	-	Miles	-	Rice	-	Hitchcock	Rice	-
BCP Reform UK	Adams	Martin, G	-	-	-	-	-	-	Farr	-	Adams
Independents	-	-	-	-	-	-	Northover	Northover	-	-	Northover

	Western BCP Planning Committee	Eastern BCP Planning Committee	Licensing Committee	Standards Committee	Appeals Committee	Audit & Governance Committee	Overview & Scrutiny Board	Health & Adult Social Care O&S Committee	Children's Services O&S Committee	Environment & Place O&S Committee	Investigation and Disciplinary Committee
Moordown Independents	Salmon, J	-	-	-	-	Salmon, J	Salmon, K	-	-	-	-
Poole Engage	-	-	Vacancy ^(a)	-	-	-	-	Bagwell	-	-	Butt
Other	-	-	Howell	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

* Leader of the Council in accordance with the Constitution

** Portfolio Holder in accordance with the Constitution

Allocation of Outside Body Seats to Political Groups

15. The following tables (Tables 4 and 5) set out the allocation of seats and named appointments on outside bodies which are subject to the political balance requirements. The last column in the table identifies there is no variance in the allocation of seats and the proposals as outlined are compliant with the political balance principles.
16. Council is asked to appoint a named member of the Council to the Dorset Pensions Fund Committee following the change to political balance. Councillor Joe Salmon currently holds the seat. If more than one valid nomination is received it will be necessary to conduct a secret ballot in accordance with the Council's procedure rules. Nominations will be sought at the meeting as referenced in recommendation (g).

Table 4 – Allocation of seats on Outside Bodies

	Entitlement based on 17 Seats	Dorset Police and Crime Panel	Dorset and Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Authority	Dorset Pension Fund Committee	Lower Central Gardens Trust Board *	Total	Variance (+/-)
Liberal Democrat	7	1	2	1	2	7	+ 0
Conservative	2	-	-	1	1	2	+ 0
Christchurch Independents	2	1	1	-	-	2	+ 0
Labour	2	1	-	-	1	2	+ 0
Green	1	1	-	-	-	1	+ 0
BCP Independents	1	-	1	-	-	1	+ 0
Poole People	1	-	1	-	-	1	+ 0
BCP Reform UK	1	1	-	-	-	1	+ 0
Independents	0	-	-	-	-	0	+ 0
Moordown Independents	0	-	-	-	-	0	+ 0
Poole Engage	0	-	-	-	-	0	+ 0
Other (to be allocated by council)	0	-	-	1	-	0	
Total	17	5	5	3	4	17	

* Membership on Lower Central Gardens Trust Board must be not less than 4 and not more than 5.

Table 5 - Appointment of Councillors to Outside Bodies

	Dorset Police and Crime Panel	Dorset and Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Authority	Dorset Pension Fund Committee	Lower Central Gardens Trust Board *
Liberal Democrat	Sidaway	Brown, O Weight	Brown, D	Gillett Nanovo
Conservative	-	-	Beesley	Williams
Christchurch Independents	Flagg	Hilliard	-	-
Labour	Canavan	-	-	Martin, J
Green	Keddie	-	-	-
BCP Independents	-	Dower	-	-
Poole People	-	Miles	-	-
BCP Reform UK	Farr	-	-	-
Independents	-	-	-	-
Moordown Independents	-	-	-	-
Poole Engage	-	-	-	-
Other (to be appointed by council)			Vacancy	

Summary of financial implications

17. There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Summary of legal implications

18. The Council is required to comply with the relevant legislation and regulations when considering and approving the political balance of the Council and the allocation of seats.
19. The Act and Regulations make provisions where a proposal is not as far as possible politically representative. This includes instances where a Group gives up a seat which they are entitled to hold in favour of another and distorts the political balance rules. In such an instance such a proposal can only be accepted if no member votes against them.
20. The proposals, as set out in this report, comply with the political balance principles and can be approved with a simple majority.
21. Although ordinarily the allocation of seats on committees is in accordance with the political balance of the Council, where a political group fails to appoint to a seat allocated to them, the Council may appoint another councillor to that seat. This does not need to be in accordance with the political balance provision and may be appointed regardless of any dissent.

Summary of human resources implications

22. There are no human resources implications associated with this report.

Summary of sustainability impact

23. There are no sustainability implications associated with this report.

Summary of public health implications

24. There are no public health implications associated with this report

Summary of equality implications

25. There are no equality implications associated with this report. It would be a matter for the political groups to consider any equality issues through their own appointment process.

Summary of risk assessment

26. There are no risk implications associated with this report.

Background papers

None

Appendices

There are no appendices to this report.

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Schedule of Appointments to Outside Bodies and Other Organisations

Outside body or organisation	No of Reps/ Restrictions	Comments / Restrictions	Appointments
130th Bournemouth Squadron Air Training Corps Civilian Committee	1		Vacancy
Aspire	1		Councillor Richard Burton
BCP Business Growth Board	2	Leader and Portfolio Holder	Councillor Millie Earl Councillor Richard Herrett
BCP Community Safety Partnership	1		Councillor Kieron Wilson
BCP Housing Advisory Board	3		Councillor Sara Armstrong Councillor Kieron Wilson Vacancy
Bearwood Community Centre Association	1		Councillor Marcus Andrews
BH Live	2	Including 1 Portfolio Holder	Councillor Andy Martin (PH) Vacancy
BH Live Enterprises	2		Councillor Jackie Edwards Vacancy
Board of the Unitary Council's Network (UCN)	1	Portfolio Holder	Councillor Millie Earl
Boscombe Towns Fund	3	Portfolio Holder	Councillor Patrick Canavan Councillor Millie Earl Councillor Kieron Wilson
Bournemouth Airport Community Fund	3	Amend to one Councillor from Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole??	Councillor Mike Cox Councillor David Flagg Vacancy
Bournemouth Building Maintenance Limited	2	Including 1 Portfolio Holder	Councillor Simon McCormack Councillor Kieron Wilson (PH)

Outside body or organisation	No of Reps/ Restrictions	Comments / Restrictions	Appointments
Bournemouth Development Company	2		Councillor d'Orton-Gibson Councillor Mark Howell Councillor Jamie Martin
Bournemouth in Bloom	1		Councillor Brian Chick
Bournemouth International Airport Consultative Committee	1		Councillor Margaret Phipps
Bournemouth Lucerne Twinning Association	1		Councillor Sharon Carr-Brown
Bournemouth Town Centre BID	1	Portfolio Holder	Councillor Richard Herrett
Bournemouth University Liaison Group	1		Councillor Lisa Northover
Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Learning Disability Partnership Board	3	Portfolio Holder	Councillor David Brown (PH) Councillor Patrick Canavan Councillor Sandra Mackrow
Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Safeguarding Adults Board	1	Portfolio Holder	Councillor David Brown
Christchurch BID	1	Portfolio Holder	Councillor Richard Herrett
Coastal BID	1	Portfolio Holder	Councillor Richard Herrett
Christchurch Harbour Association	1		Councillor Michael Tarling
Christchurch Harbour Steering Group	1		Councillor Paul Hilliard
Citizens Advice Bureau	1		Councillor Millie Earl
Corporate Parenting Board	4	Including 1 Portfolio Holder	Councillor Richard Burton (PH) Councillor Sandra Mackrow Councillor Anne-Marie Moriarty Councillor Lisa Northover
Creekmoor Community Association	1		Councillor Judes Butt

Outside body or organisation	No of Reps/ Restrictions	Comments / Restrictions	Appointments
Dorset Archaeological Committee	2		Councillor Andy Hadley Councillor Oliver Walters
Dorset Coast Forum	1		Councillor Clare Weight
Dorset Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust	1		Councillor Felicity Rice
Dorset Heathland Advisory Group	1		Councillor Tony Trent
Dorset Joint Public Health Board	2	Including 2 Portfolio Holders	Councillor David Brown Councillor Sandra Moore
Dorset Local Nature Partnership Board	2		Councillor Michelle Dower Councillor Andy Hadley
Dorset Minerals and Waste Advisory Committee	2	Including 2 Portfolio Holders	Councillor Millie Earl (PH) Councillor Andy Hadley (PH)
Dorset Road Safety Partnership	1	Portfolio Holder	Councillor Richard Herrett (PH)
General Council of Broadstone Community and Arts Centre	2		Councillor Peter Sidaway Councillor Vikki Slade
Hamworthy/ Turlin Moor Youth Centre Management Committee	1		Councillor Peter Cooper
Health and Wellbeing Board	3 (All PFH's)		Councillor David Brown (PH) Councillor Kieron Wilson (PH) Councillor Richard Burton (PH)
Hengistbury Head Management Committee	1		Councillor Bernadatte Nanavo
Joint Archives Advisory Board	4		Councillor Lesley Dedman Councillor Marion Le Poidevin Councillor Andy Hadley (PH) Vacancy

Outside body or organisation	No of Reps/ Restrictions	Comments / Restrictions	Appointments
LGA General Assembly	Up to 4 (9 votes)		Councillor Millie Earl (Leader) Vacancies x 3
Limelights (Canford Heath) Youth Centre Management Committee	1		Councillor Sandra Moore
Local Access Forum	1		Councillor Andy Hadley
Municipal and Owen Charter Almshouse Charity Trustees	4		Councillor Sue Aitkenhead Councillor Julie Bagwell Councillor Peter Cooper Councillor Brian Hitchcock
Music and Arts Service (Wave/Soundstorm) - Management Committee	1		Councillor Andy Martin
Old Town Community Association Management Committee			
Pan Dorset Safeguarding Children's Partnership	1	Portfolio Holder	Councillor Richard Burton
Poole BID	1	Portfolio Holders	Councillor Andy Hadley (PH)
Poole Cherbourg Twinning Association (Management Committee)	1		Councillor Oliver Walters
Poole Heritage Forum	3		Councillor Marcus Andrews Councillor John Challinor
Poole Shopmobility	1		Councillor Felicity Rice
Poole Sports Council (Sport Poole)	3		Councillor Sue Aitkenhead Councillor Peter Miles Councillor Peter Sidaway
Purbeck Community Rail Partnership	1		Councillor Andy Hadley

Outside body or organisation	No of Reps/ Restrictions	Comments / Restrictions	Appointments
Red House Museum Joint Management Committee	2		Councillor Paul Hilliard Councillor Andy Martin
Regent Centre Liaison Meeting	2		Councillor Andy Martin Councillor Michael Tarling
Russell Cotes Art Gallery and Museum Management Committee	3	Including 1 Portfolio Holder	Councillor Andy Martin (PH) Councillor Lisa Northover Councillor Lawrence Williams
Schools Forum	2		Councillor Richard Burton Councillor Jeff Hanna
Sea Cadets Corps - Bournemouth (No 49) Unit Management Committee	1		Councillor Paul Slade
Seascope Group Limited	3		Councillor Millie Earl Councillor David d'Orton-Gibson Vacancy
Seascope Homes and Properties Limited	2	Including 1 Portfolio Holder	Councillor Lisa Northover Councillor Kieron Wilson (PH)
Seascope South Limited	2	Including 1 Portfolio Holder	Councillor Peter Sidaway Councillor Kieron Wilson (PH)
South West Armed Forces Covenant Board	1		Councillor Paul Slade
South West Councils	1	Leader of the Council	Councillor Millie Earl
South West Councils Employers Panel	1	Portfolio Holder	Councillor Millie Earl
Southern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority Committee	2		Councillor Pete Miles Councillor Crispin Goodall

Outside body or organisation	No of Reps/ Restrictions	Comments / Restrictions	Appointments
Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education	3		Councillor Richard Burton Councillor Mike Cox Councillor Marion Le Poidevin
Standing Conference on Problems Associated with the Coastline	1	Portfolio Holder	Councillor Andy Hadley (PH)
Strategic Planning Forum			
Sustain - The Earth Charter and Sustainable Bournemouth Partnership	1		Councillor Vikki Slade
The Great South West Pan Regional Partnership	1	Leader	Councillor Millie Earl
The Holdenhurst Charity	1		Vacancy
Tourism Destination Management Board	2	Leader plus Portfolio Holder	Councillor Millie Earl Councillor Richard Herrett
Tricuro Executive Shareholder Group	5	Including Portfolio Holders	Councillor Stephen Bartlett Councillor David Brown (PH) Councillor Partrick Canavan Councillor Mike Cox (PH) Vacancy
University Hospitals Dorset NHS Foundation Trust	1		Councillor Paul Hilliard
Wessex Regional Flood and Coastal Committees	1	Portfolio Holder	Councillor Andy Hadley (PH)
Wessex Reserve Forces and Cadets Association	1		Councillor George Farquhar
Western Gateway Sub-National Transport Body	1	Portfolio Holder	Councillor Andy Hadley
Wytch Farm Oilfield Consultative Committee	1		Councillor Andy Hadley